

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a bathing aid designed to reduce the workload on the caregiver in bathing the physically challenged, elderly or similar persons requiring nursing care. In an embodiment of the invention, the bathing aid is provided with an upward-opening cover 16 for covering the open top 12a of the bathtub 12 except for an opening for allowing the bather P to stick their head through. The cover 16 is supported by arms 18 urged upward by gas springs 19. The upward-opening cover 16 allows the caregiver to stand whichever side of the bathtub 12 and opens or closes the cover 16 without difficulty. Furthermore, the cover's upward-opening structure is advantageous for reducing the installation space because it does not require the additional side space that would be necessary if the cover is constructed to open sideward.